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Abbreviations
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Form of Citation

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A uniform system of citation.

FORM OF CITATION

This pamphlet does not pretend to include either a complete list of abbreviations or all the necessary data as to form. If you can not find the proper form in this pamphlet, *do not guess* at it, but consult the CASE EDITOR. The appendix to volume 1 of *Brief Making* contains a comprehensive list of abbreviations.

CASES AND REPORTS

I. To indicate PURPOSE OF CITATION, use the following forms:

- (1) If the case is directly in point. *Jones v. Smith* (1911) 92 Conn. 34, 3 Atl. 56.
- (2) If you wish to refer to a dictum in the case. See *Jones v. Smith* (1911) 92 Conn. 34, 37, 3 Atl. 56, 58.
- (3) If the case squints toward your point. Cf. *Jones v. Smith* (1911) 92 Conn. 34, 3 Atl. 56.
- (4) If two cases are cited to support the same point. *Jones v. Smith* (1911) 92 Conn. 34, 3 Atl. 56; *Grey v. Williams* (1910) 200 N. Y. 54, 85 N. E. 23.
- (5) If two cases are cited to show a conflict of authority. *Jones v. Smith* (1911) 92 Conn. 34, 3 Atl. 56; *contra*, *Grey v. Williams* (1910) 200 N. Y. 54, 85 N. E. 23. [Note the italics.]

II. AMERICAN REPORTS: (1) The jurisdiction must be indicated in the parenthesis immediately after the date if not sufficient-

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ly shown by the rest of the citation. Always cite The West Publishing Co. reporter as well as the official report where possible. (a) If the name of the reporter is not the name of the jurisdiction. (1852, Mass.) 1 Cush. 91. (b) If the reporter covers several courts. (1910, C.C. E.D. Ore.) 165 Fed. 210; (1910, C.C.A. 2d) 202 Fed. 131; (1909, S.D. N.Y.) 200 Fed. 300. As a general rule, however, where the state reporter includes the reports of several courts, the highest court need not be cited. The lower courts must be cited. So in the New Jersey Law Reports, the Ct. of Err. and App. is not cited; but (1895, Sup. Ct.) 25 N.J.L. 210, 15 Atl. 25. But the court should always be inserted in citing the New York Miscellaneous reporter. (1910, Sup. Ct.) 110 Misc. 95, 190 N.Y. Supp. 210.

(2) If the case has not yet appeared in any official report, cite the advance sheets. (Jan. 15, 1921) U.S.C.C.A. 2d, Oct. term, 1920, No. 340; (March 1, 1921) U.S. Sup. Ct., Oct. Term, 1920, No. 256. (3) In citing early federal cases before the Federal Reporter, cite the official report only. (1824, C.C.D. Mass.) 1 Sumn. 264. Where the full name of a reporter is written out, insert a comma between the name and the page number. (1898) 25 Iowa, 92.

III. ENGLISH REPORTS: (1) Always cite the so-called "*Law Reports*" series if your case is reported there. This series extends from 1865 to date and should be cited in the following manner: (a) 1865-1875. (1868) L.R. 3 Q.B. 210; (1872) L.R. 5 A.C. 325. (b) 1875-1891, (1878) L.R. 3 Q.B. Div. 232. (c) 1891 to date, [1910] 2 K.B. 210; [1914] A.C. 131. Note that in (b) "Div." is inserted; in (c) the date gives the number to the volume. If the court is not sufficiently indicated by the rest of the citation, it must be inserted in the bracket after the date. [1910, H.L.] A.C. 210; [1914, C.A.] 2 K.B. 200. (2) Other English reports should be abbreviated as far as possible to the first syllable of the name of the reporter. Car. & Kir.; Barn. & Ald. But this rule is not followed where there is another generally recognized abbreviation. M.&W. In these reports, generally, the court must be inserted as above to indicate the jurisdiction. (1842, Ch.) 3 Taunt. 210. The *English Law Journal* reports are cited thus: (1898) 5 L.J. Ch. 210; (1855) 10 L.J. K.B. 410. Unless "O.S." (old series) is added, the citation is presumed to indicate the new series. (1735) 4 L.J. Ch. (O.S.) 208. *Year Books* should be cited thus: *Pear's Case* (1488) Y.B. 3 Hen. VII, p. 12, pl. 9.

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Where an early English decision is not dated but refers to a year in the reign of some sovereign, look up the coronation date in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* or in Foss, *Tabulae Curiales*. This also applies to finding the dates of early statutes. Where the full name of a reporter is written out, insert a comma between the name and the page number. (1812, K.B.) 2 East, 21.

PERIODICALS AND TREATISES

I. PERIODICALS: (1) Cite Yale Law Journal thus: (a) a leading article, Haines, *Efforts to Define Unfair Competition* (1919) 29 YALE LAW JOURNAL, 11; (b) a comment, COMMENTS (1921) 30 YALE LAW JOURNAL, 397; (c) a case note, current decision, or book review, (1921) 30 YALE LAW JOURNAL, 355. Note that YALE LAW JOURNAL is not abbreviated. (2) Cite other periodicals as indicated in the list of abbreviations. The general form is the same. Comments are frequently termed Notes in other reviews. All periodicals are printed in small capitals. HARV. L. REV., JUST. P., IOWA L. BUL.

II. TREATISES: Cite treatises and texts thus: 2 Wharton, *Criminal Law* (11th ed. 1912) 1012; 5 Wigmore, *Evidence* (1904) sec. 2568, n. 2.; Pollock, *Contracts* (3d

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Am. ed. 1906) *305. Never cite an earlier edition of a work of which a later edition has appeared.

In a few well-known works the edition is left out and the star pages referred to. 2 Blackstone, *Commentaries*, * 152; Coke, *Littleton*, * 151. In some cases where the new edition is not numbered, or where it commonly goes by the name of its editor or translator, the editor's name is substituted for the number of the edition. Anson, *Contract* (Corbin's ed. 1919) sec. 210; Bar, *Private International Law* (Gillespie's transl. 1892) 543-546.

STATUTES

(1) Cite AMERICAN STATUTES as follows: (a) *state statutes*, N.Y. Cons. Laws, 1909, ch. 24, sec. 142; Mass. Rev. Laws, 1902, ch. 208, sec. 26; Hurd's Ill. Rev. Sts. 1918, ch. 10, sec. 20; Conn. Gen. Sts. 1918, ch. 35, sec. 610; Conn. Pub. Acts, 1919, ch. 208, sec. 26; Mich. Comp. Laws, 1915, ch. 30, sec. 21; Ohio Gen. Code, 1910, sec. 5320. As a general rule cite chapter and section; always put jurisdiction first, then the abbreviation for the compilation, then the date just before the page, section or paragraph. (b) *federal statutes*. Act of Oct. 3, 1917 (40 Stat. at L. 350, 358) or U.S. Comp. Sts. 1916, sec. 7056. Always cite the Statutes at Large. (2) ENGLISH

STATUTES should be cited thus: (1757) 24 & 25 Geo. II, c. 24, sec. 68.

The abbreviation for the jurisdiction may be omitted where the sentence preceding the citation expressly refers to it. Note that ordinary type is used.

GENERAL RULES

A general rule of form is that a citation should read in the following order: *Edition, Date, Jurisdiction*.

Note carefully the punctuation of citations in the above examples. Note that commas are omitted when there is a period or parenthesis where the comma would otherwise appear.

Never abbreviate United States or Commonwealth in the body of a note or in citing a case.

Ellipses are used to indicate the omission from a quotation of one or more words not essential to the idea which it is desired to convey. For an ellipsis, four periods should ordinarily be used. (The point . . . is that the same force, etc.)

Common Law, when used as a noun, is written in two words; when used as an adjective, it is hyphenated. Quasi-contract and tort-feasors are also hyphenated.

Domicil is spelt without the final "e".

Judgment, not judgement.

USE OF SUPRA, IBID., ETC.

When the same case is cited a second time in a note, cite thus: *Jones v. Smith, supra*. If a particular page of the opinion is referred to, cite *Jones v. Smith, supra*, at p. 182, 64 Atl. at p. 202. "*Op. cit.*" is used preceded by author's name and followed by page reference, to avoid repeating the title of the work cited. 2 Wharton, *op. cit.* 202. If the citation is to the same reference, "*loc. cit.*" is the proper abbreviation. "*Infra*" is used to designate below as opposed to "*supra*" above. Where references to the same work follow each other closely and uninterruptedly, use "*ibid.*" instead of repeating the title. Thus *ibid.* takes the place of as much of the previous reference as is repeated.

MANUSCRIPT AND PROOF

In preparing manuscripts and in correcting proof printer's signs in common use should always be used. The proper signs may be found in the appendix to Webster's Standard Dictionary. The following are examples:

single underlining	- italics
double underlining	- small capitals
triple underlining	- large capitals
out	- 9

transpose - tr.
space - #
close space - C
insert - ^
lower case - l. c.

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er to be dedicated here to l.c/
great/ the task;

ABBREVIATIONS

Abridgment	Abr.
Accord	Acc.
Admiralty	Adm.
Alabama	Ala.
American	Am.
" Bar Assoc. Journal	A.B.A. JOUR.
" Decisions	Am. Dec.
" and Eng. Annotated Cases	Ann.Cas. (Ann.Cas. 1916 C, 495)
" and Eng. Encyclopedia of Law	A.&E. Enc. Law
" Law Register	AM. L. REG.
" Law Reports	A.L.R.
" State Reports	Am. St. Rep.
Annotated Statutes	Ann. Sts.
Anonymous	Anon.
Appeal Cases	A.C.
Appeal Cases, Dist. of Columbia	App. D.C.
Appeals	App.
Appellate Division	App. Div.
Arizona	Ariz.
Arkansas	Ark.
Article	Art.
Atlantic Reporter	Atl.
Attorney General	Att'y Gen.
Australia	Austr.

Barbour's N. Y. Sup. Ct. Reports Barb.
Bulletin Bul.

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California	Calif.
Canada	Can.
Canadian Law Times	CAN. L. T.
Cases	Cas.
Central Law Journal	CENT. L. JOUR.
Century Digest	Cent. Dig.
Chancery	Ch.
Chicago	Chic.
Circuit Court	C.C.
Circuit Court of Appeals	C.C.A.
Code of Civil Procedure	C.C.P.
Colorado	Colo.
Columbia Law Review	COL. L. REV.
Common Bench	C.B.
Common Pleas	C.P.
Connecticut	Conn.
Constitution	Const.
Cornell Law Quarterly	CORN. L. QUART.
Corpus Juris	C.J.
Court	Ct.
Court of Appeals	C.A.
Court of Claims	Ct. Cl.
Court of Errors and Appeals	Ct. Err.
Cowen's N. Y. Reports	Cow.
Cox's Criminal Cases (Eng.)	Cox C.C.
Criminal	Cr.
Cushing's Mass. Reports	Cush.
Cyclopedia of Law and Procedure	Cyc.
Dallas' U. S. Reports	Dall.
Delaware	Del.
Dictionary	Dict.
District Court	D.C.

Ecclesiastical	Eccl.
Encyclopedia	Enc.
English Ruling Cases	Eng. Rul. Cas.
Equity	Eq.
Exchequer Reports (Eng.)	Exch.
Federal	Fed.
Federal Reporter	Fed.
First	1st
Florida	Fla.
Fourth	4th
General	Gen.
Georgia	Ga.
Halsbury's Laws of England	Hals. Laws Eng.
Harvard Law Review	HAR. L. REV.
House of Lords	H.L.
Howard's U. S. Reports	How.
Illinois	Ill.
Indiana	Ind.
Irish	Ir.
Johnson's N. Y. Reports	John.
Journal	Jour.
Justice of the Peace	JUST. P.
Kansas	Kan.
Kentucky	Ky.
King's Bench	K.B.

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Law Reports	L.R.
Law Quarterly Review	L. QUART. REV.
Law Times Reports	L.T.R.
Lawyer's Reports Annotated	L.R.A.
" " " (new series)	L.R.A.(N.S.)
Louisiana	La.
Louisiana Annual Reports	La. Ann.
Maine	Me.
Maryland	Md.
Massachusetts	Mass.
Master of Rolls	M.R.
Michigan	Mich.
Minnesota	Minn.
Miscellaneous (N. Y. Reports)	Misc.
Mississippi	Miss.
Missouri	Mo.
Montana	Mont.
Municipal Court	Mun. Ct.
Nebraska	Neb.
Nevada	Nev.
New Brunswick	N.B.
New Hampshire	N.H.
New Jersey	N.J.
New Jersey Equity	N.J. Eq.
New Jersey Law Reports	N.J.L.
New Mexico	N.M.
New York	N.Y.
New York Law Journal	N.Y.L. JOUR.
New York Supplement Reporter	N.Y. Supp.
New Zealand	N.Z.

Nisi Prius	N.P.
North Carolina	N.C.
North Dakota	N.D.
Northeastern Reporter	N.E.
Northwestern Reporter	N.W.
Nova Scotia	N.S.
Ohio	Ohio
Ohio Reports	Ohio St.
Oklahoma	Okla.
Ontario	Ont.
Oregon	Or.
Pacific Reporter	Pac.
Pennsylvania	Pa.
Pa. Law Review	U. PA. L. REV.
Pa. State Reports	Pa.
Peter's U. S. Reports	Pet.
Privy Council	P.C.
Probate	Prob.
Quebec	Que.
Queen's Bench	Q.B.
Railway, railway co., railroad	Ry.
Revised Statutes	Rev. Sts.
Rhode Island	R.I.
Scottish, Scotland	Scot.
Second	2d
Sergeant & Rawle's Pa. Reports	Serg. & R.

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Solicitors' Journal . . .	SOL. JOUR.
South Carolina . . .	S.C.
South Dakota . . .	S.D.
Southeastern Reporter . . .	S.E.
Southern Reporter . . .	So.
Southwestern Reporter . . .	S.W.
Statute . . .	St.
Statutes at Large . . .	Stat. at L.
Superior Court . . .	Super. Ct.
Supreme Court . . .	Sup. Ct.
Surrogate . . .	Surro.
Tennessee . . .	Tenn.
Term . . .	T.
Territory . . .	T.
Texas . . .	Tex.
Texas Civil Appeals Reports .	Tex. Civ. App.
Texas Criminal Appeals Reports	Tex. Cr. App.
Third . . .	3d
Times . . .	T.
Times Law Reports . . .	T.L.R.
United States . . .	U.S.
United States Compiled Statutes	U.S. Comp. Sts.
University of Pa. Law Review	U.P.A.L. REV.
Vermont . . .	Vt.
Victoria . . .	Vict.
Virginia . . .	Va.
Wallace's U. S. Reports . . .	Wall.
Washington . . .	Wash.

Washington, D. C. Reports . .	App. D.C.
(Found also in Fed. after vol. 258)	
West Virginia . . .	W. Va.
Wheaton's U. S. Reports . .	Wheat.
Wisconsin . . .	Wis.
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